PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 08442.0002-04000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Joseph C. CAUTHEN)) Group Art Unit: 3738
Application. No.: 10/085,040) Examiner: Isabella, David J.
Filed: March 1, 2002) Confirmation No.: 8078
For: INTERVERTEBRAL DISC ANNULUS STENT))) .

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2007, the period for response having been extended three months to September 7, 2007 by the Petition for Extension of Time and fee filed herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks follow the Amendment section of this paper.